



Pollution Prevention (p2) Award

GOAL: An award recognizing businesses since 1995 for their efforts to reduce facility wide wastes using pollution prevention practices. The EPA classifies **pollution prevention as the use of materials, processes or practices that reduce or eliminate the creation of pollutants at their source.**

This includes:

- equipment modifications
- process or procedure modifications
- reformulation or redesign of products
- substitution of raw materials
- improvements in housekeeping, maintenance, training, or inventory control

that results in **reduced waste generation**. Although recycling, energy recovery, treatment, and disposal are not included in this definition, some forms of "**in-process**" recycling may qualify as pollution prevention. The City of Albuquerque recognizes any type of recycling as pollution prevention.

How the Program Functions:

The business agrees to implement, where feasible, best management practices involving wastewaters, and other waste generated according to the principals appropriate for the specific industrial sector. Industry specific written **Codes of Practice** have been or will be developed with the help of businesses and be in line with national and local regulations and guidance where available.

To be considered for the program:

- The business agrees to maintain operating records documenting the amounts of wastes and/or by-products and their associated disposal, treatment, or recycling where applicable. Manifests of waste hauling, recycling, or disposal shall be kept on file.
- It is understood that at least annual surveys will be conducted for continuing certification and recognition. Wastewater samples may be taken where appropriate to check for good performance and maintenance of equipment. In cases of poor results the business agrees to remedy problems to the extent feasible and especially to meet local limits where applicable.

The Program has more than **70 awardees and is growing**. Many businesses advertise their commitment to pollution prevention in the *Yellow Pages*™ and other publications.

Businesses can apply by contacting the p2 Program at:

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